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PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ikuro SAKAGUCHI Confirmation No. 1577

Serial No. 09/838,185 GROUP 3628

Filed April 20, 2001 Examiner Jeffrey C. PWU

CARD UTILIZATION APPROVAL METHOD, CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND  
CARD AUTHENTICATION AND SETTLEMENT PROCESSING DEVICE

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please inform us of the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on April 20, 2001 and was docketed on February 13, 2003 to the Examiner. Applicant respectfully inquires as to when a first Official Action may be expected in this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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